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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Priorities for Intelligence Collection

1. Reference is made to Memorandum from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, dated 16 August 1952, a copy of which is attached. A similar memorandum was addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. This memorandum calls attention to the paucity of intelligence available concerning Soviet capabilities and intentions in the field of biological warfare.

3. It is agreed that this condition exists, but the intelligence desired must be obtained almost entirely by clandestine agencies. Existing priorities as established by DCID 4/2 place BW and other critical weapons in fifth of seven places.

4. In view of the heightened interest in Soviet BW capabilities as evidenced by Secretary Lovett's memorandum, it is recommended that emphasis be placed on this phase of the clandestine collection program.

R. Partridge

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Memo from Secy of Def
to SA, dated 16 Aug 52, (copy)

R. G. PARTRIDGE
Major General, USA
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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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TOP SECRET CONTROL SECTION
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SUBJECT: Biological Warfare Intelligence

1. There is an acute requirement for more reliable information regarding Soviet activities, capabilities and intentions concerning biological warfare. Current intelligence on this subject is so sparse that it does not provide a satisfactory basis for overall evaluation or formulation of Department of Defense planning in this field.

2. The difficulties inherent in gathering intelligence on this subject are recognized. However, the continuing need for more complete and reliable information appears to dictate an accelerated emphasis on biological warfare intelligence.

3. For your information, I am inclosing a copy of a similar memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence.

ROBERT A. LOVETT

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